


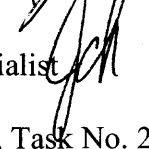
MEETING NOTES

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

August 4, 2006

TO: Internal File

THRU: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor 

FROM: Joe Helfrich, Senior Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Bear Canyon Lease Addition meetings, Task No. 2526, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, C0150025

SUMMARY:

To date three meetings have taken place at the Price Field Office with the OSM, the BLM, the Forest Service, DOGM and Co-op Mining Company as represented by Mark and Charles Reynolds. The focus of these meetings has been to keep everyone up to date with each agencies review process and the current status of each agencies review of the Bear Canyon Lease Addition application. The following is a composite of the three meetings:

6/22/2006 Meeting

Attendees:

OSM represented by Ranvirh Singh, (teleconference)

BLM represented by Steve Rigby, Steve Faulk/Price office, Stan Perkes and Gregg Hudson/Salt Lake office.

U.S. Forest Service represented by Dale Harber and Karl Boyer from the Manti La Sal Price office, Kevin Albrecht, Jeff Jewkes, John Healy and Mesia Nyman from the Ferron Ranger District and Betsy Hamann from White Sulphur Springs Montana.

DOGM represented by Wayne Hedberg, Steve Christensen, Jim Smith, Joe Helfrich/Salt Lake office, Pete Hess/Price Field office.

Purpose:

Members from the respective agencies described their roles in the review and approval of the Bear Canyon Lease Addition application as follows:

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OSM will shepherd the findings document that includes in this particular case an updated EA for the NEPA process, SHPO clearance, an R2P2, USFWS concurrence and the technical analysis from DOGM. The package will then be sent to Washington for Secretarial signature and Federal mine plan approval.

DOGM is reviewing the applicant's response to the Division's first round of technical deficiencies. Estimated completion date is 7/7/2006.

BLM needs more information to complete the R2P2 process and will be meeting with the applicant to get an idea of the MER, (maximum economic recovery), potential.

Forest Service was provided clarification on the information the applicant had submitted to date. Based on what they had (which matched what DOGM had), they could proceed with their scoping notice and begin the EA process.

Discussions among the group centered around the need for clarification on water monitoring locations, mining projections, perennial stream locations, and subsidence potential.

7/11/2006 Meeting

Attendees:

OSM represented by Ranvirh Singh

BLM represented by Steve Rigby, Steve Faulk/Price office, Stan Perkes and Jeff McKenzie/Salt Lake office

U.S. Forest Service represented by Dale Harber and Karl Boyer from the Price office,

DOGM represented by Wayne Hedberg, Steve Christensen, Joe Helfrich/Salt Lake office, Pete Hess/Price Field office & Priscilla Burton (PFO-PM session)

Co-op Mining Company represented by Mark and Charles Reynolds

Purpose:

Members from the respective agencies met in the morning to discuss their comments on the Bear Canyon Lease Addition application. The BLM informed the group of the applicant's change in plans to conduct multiple seam mining. This would require map and text changes by the applicant and the issuance of a revised scoping letter by the Forest Service. DOGM discussed the deficiencies noted in their July 10 technical analysis document and the Forest Service discussed their written comments.

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The agencies met with Mark and Charles Reynolds in the afternoon. Agency comments were discussed with the applicant and a time line for review was laid out. Key dates included:

- September 1, 2006 Forest Service publishes FONSI, anticipates appeal process that could take 90-110 days,
- December 1, 2006 DOGM sends recommended approval package to Ron Singh, OSM Denver, for federal mine plan approval,
- December 10, 2006 OSM sends package to solicitor for review and,
- February 7, 2007 Applicants target date to access leases.

7/20/2006 Meeting

Attendees:

OSM represented by Ranvirh Singh, (teleconference)

BLM represented by Steve Rigby, Steve Faulk/Price office, Peter Brinton, Jeff McKenzie/Salt Lake office,

U.S. Forest Service represented by Dale Harber and Karl Boyer from the Price office,

DOGM represented by Wayne Hedberg, Steve Christensen, Joe Helfrich/Salt Lake office, Pete Hess, Priscilla Burton/Price Field office and,

Co-op Mining Company represented by Mark Reynolds.

Purpose:

Mr. Reynolds provided the group with his draft response to the agency review comments, consisting mainly of map and text changes. A key component to the review process was the subsidence report that had not been completed as of the date of this meeting. Based on the exchange of information Mr. Reynolds would make the suggested changes to maps and text and meet with the respective agencies individually before submitting his response to the second round of review.

Individual Agency meetings:

8/2/2006 - Mark Reynolds meets with Karl Boyer and Dale Harber at the Price Forest Service Office to discuss any final changes and review Mark's response to the Forest Services' review comments.

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8/3/2006 - Mark Reynolds meets with Steve Christensen, Wayne Hedberg and Joe Helfrich at the SLC office to discuss his proposed response to DOGM's Hydrology and Biology deficiencies.

8/4/2006 - Mark Reynolds meets with Pete Hess and Steve Faulk at the Price Field Office to discuss the draft Subsidence monitoring report. A copy of the draft report has been provided to the BLM to complete their R2P2 process.

8/9/2006 - Mark Reynolds, Steve Christensen, Wayne Hedberg and Joe Helfrich from DOGM and Mark Stilson from the Price Division of Water Rights will meet with Sherrel Ward and representatives from the HCIC to discuss water rights and water monitoring locations for the Bear Canyon Lease addition. Mark will hand deliver a hard copy and CD's of his latest deficiency response to DOGM, USFS, and BLM technical review comments to DOGM for distribution.

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